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Dear Ms. Eagleton:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 119047.

The Northland Richland Hills Police Department (the "department") received a request for the "Offense/Incident Report # 98-045177" which relates to an incident that occurred on May 11, 1998. You claim that the requested information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.108 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.108 of the Government Code to read as follows:

(a) Information held by a law enforcement agency or prosecutor that deals with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if:

- (1) release of the information would interfere with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime;
- (2) it is information that deals with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime only in relation to an investigation that did not result in conviction or deferred adjudication; or

(3) it is information that:

- (A) is prepared by an attorney representing the state in anticipation of or in the course of preparing for criminal litigation; or
- (B) reflects the mental impressions or legal reasoning of an attorney representing the state.

(b) An internal record or notation of a law enforcement agency or prosecutor that is maintained for internal use in matters relating to law enforcement or prosecution is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if:

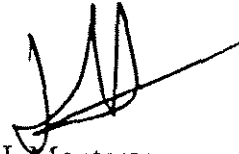
- (1) release of the internal record or notation would interfere with law enforcement or prosecution;
- (2) the internal record or notation relates to law enforcement only in relation to an investigation that did not result in conviction or deferred adjudication; or
- (3) the internal record or notation:
  - (A) is prepared by an attorney representing the state in anticipation of or in the course of preparing for criminal litigation; or
  - (B) reflects the mental impressions or legal reasoning of an attorney representing the state.
  - (C) This section does not except from the requirements of Section 552.021 information that is basic information about an arrested person, an arrest, or a crime.

You explain that the release of a copy of the pertinent investigative file would interfere with the detection investigation, or prosecution of crime. You explain that the case has no final disposition and a time is set for a court date within the Tarrant County Criminal Court system. Consequently, we conclude that section 552.108(a) applies to the requested investigative file. However, you must release the type of information that is considered to be front page offense report information. *See Houston Chronicle Publ'g Co. v. City of Houston*, 531 S.W.2d 177 (Tex. Civ. App.--Houston [14th Dist.] 1975), *writ ref'd n.r.e. per curiam*, 536 S.W.2d 559 (Tex. 1976); Open Records Decision No. 127 (1976).

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and should not be relied on as a previous determination

regarding any other records. If you have any questions regarding this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Janet I. Monteros', written over a horizontal line.

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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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